

Kanto Regional Meeting in Minakami, Gunma 2013

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Caring and Creating Learning Opportunities for Every Student

Dates: Jan. 5, 2013 (13:30) - Jan. 6 (12:00)

Venue: Hotel Matsunoi (Minakami Hot Springs)

<http://www.matsunoi.com/>

551 Yubara, Minakami-machi, Tone-gun, Gunma TEL: 0278-72-3200

A high school student, after reading the story on Coco Chanel, wrote:
I will design the clothes for small children. These clothes are pretty and cool.
I will design the clothes for babies. These clothes are soft and gentle.

How do the students acquire the abilities for designing their own lives?
How do the teachers design their classes to encourage them to grow up?
The meeting may be held on cold days with snow, but we hope the participants will have enthusiastic discussions and information exchanges, and also relax with the hot spa.

The 1st Day Sat. Jan. 5th

- 13:30 - Reception
- 14:00 - 14:30 Opening Ceremony
- 14:30 - 17:00 Lecture with Activities

"Acknowledging and Valuing Minority Students in the English Classroom"

Lecturer: Cheiron McMahill PhD. (Professor, Daito Bunka University)

"Linguistic and cultural minority children are increasing in Japanese public schools, and English teachers are likely to have such a student in their class at some time or another. But too often, teachers think the best way to treat these children is just to ignore their minority status and pretend like they are the same as other Japanese majority children. This ignores the real problems that these children and their parents often do have fitting in, coping and being satisfied in a Japanese school. Sometimes teachers are surprised to hear that these children have stopped coming to school, or that the family has suddenly returned to their country of origin. It is a pity because often these children are the best students in

the English class. English teachers especially must worry about them and miss them when they are gone.

What do minority parents and children really think about Japanese schools? Why do many minority students miss school or drop out? Why are such students often so good at English? How can English teachers make them feel more valued and acknowledge the special challenges they face, without putting them on the spot?

Cheiron McMahon tried to create an ideal learning environment for both minority and majority children in Gunma for twelve years in the International Community School, and she also went to South America twice to find out the real opinions of minority parents and children after they left Japan. She will present a summary of the answers to the above questions based on her experience and research, and she will also share some speaking activities for English classes which she developed with her graduate students at Daito Bunka University."

Cheiron's Profile:

Cheiron McMahon, PhD. (Applied linguistics, Lancaster University)

Professor, Daito Bunka University

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Founder, Centro Educational ICS <http://icsnet.or.jp>

and Ijime Zero Network <http://www.ijimezero.org>

17:00 - 18:00 Minakami New Year Market

Buy various teaching materials or exchange information on teaching English.

18:30 - 20:30 Dinner and Exchange Meeting

The 2nd Day Sun. Jan. 6th

7:30 - Breakfast

9:00 - 11:45 Special Interest Group Sessions

SIG A: Learning by the children with developmental disorders and/or learning disability

Theme: Rational Consideration for the Students with Difficulties in Reading and Writing in Classroom

Reporter: SAITO Riichiro(Ota Flex High School, Gunma)

SIG B: Teaching in Junior High Schools

Theme: Encouraging Students through Lexical Learning, Reading Aloud and Home Study

Reporter: MATSUMOTO Ryoichi(Futaba Junior High School, Fukushima / Kisai Junior High School, Saitama)

SIG C: Making Tend-to-be-Slow Learners Lively

Theme: Aiming at the Class with Words and Hearts Exchanges between the Teacher and the Students

Reporter: MURATA Kyoko(Kuki-Minami Junior High School, Saitama)

11:45 - 12:00 Closing Ceremony

Transportation

- *Joetsu-Shinkansen "Jomo-kogen St." -> Kanetsu-Kotsu Bus for "Minakami St." -> "Suwahara Koen Iriguchi" bus stop
- *Joetsu-Shinkansen "Jomo-kogen St."(13:07 Max Tanigawa 409) -> Hotel Bus
- *JR Joetsu Line "Minakami St." (12:35/13:24/14:39) -> Hotel Bus
- *Kanetu Expressway "Minakami IC" -> Hotel (5min.)

Cost

Participation fee:

¥3,000(2 days), ¥1,500(1 day) <students: ¥1,000(2 days), ¥500(1 day)>

Hotel charge:

¥10,000 a night, with dinner and breakfast included / sharing the room with other participants

Registration

Internet: computer: <http://kanto.shin-eiken.com/p/>
cell phone or smart phone: <http://kanto.shin-eiken.com/k/>

Fax / Mail: Fax: 0270-20-2059

Mail: 2-1089-10 Akabori-imai-cho, Isesaki, Gunma 379-2215

Registration form: p.4

*After receiving the application, we will send the "reconfirmation" in an email or a fax. Please call Kato(0270-20-2059) when it is not arrived.

*Pay the participant fee and the hotel charge at the reception desk.

*You can cancel hotel accommodation before Jan. 2 by calling Kato(0270-20-2059). After that, cancellation fee must be paid.

Registration Deadline: Dec. 14, 2012



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Registration Form

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